Haverhill Sept 25. 1866,

It is my wish that, in case of my death unless expressed wish otherwise, all my masonic Mss shall be presented to the Haverhill Commandery of K.T. - provided the Commandery will formally accept them on the following conditions:

They shall be kept in a separate box, under lock, to be deposited in some place designated by the Commandery, the key to be kept by the Commander, & to be transmitted to his successor, at the time of installation of the Latter. No copy of any Ms book or papers, or any portion of either shall even be taken, made, or allowed, by any person, nor shall any of the same be loaned to any person, except by vote of the Commandery, upon written

application. In case of a loan, the borrower shall in every instance give a written receipt for the book or papers borrowed. Each Commander on receiving the key shall audibly promise, on his knightly honor, that he will faithfully observe the conditions herein imposed. The tusk book containing the Work of the Encampment degrees may be taken out by each Commander & kept until he & his officers are posted in their several parts; but & change them to take no copies, & to use the book carefully. ~~Let it be~~ I believe it to be the true American ritual of knighthood; & hope it will even be adhered to by my beloved Sir knights & their successors.

I am thus particular in this matter because I leave authentic copies of several rituals, & if they are carefully preserved they will have an increasing historical value as time rolls on.

Should I fail to do it myself, let a catalogue of these MSS be made, so that brethren may know what there is in the collection.

I suggest that at each annual meeting the box be brought in, & opened, that each Sir Kt may have opportunity to examine its contents, & also that it may be seen whether anything be missing.

In case the said Commandery shall decline to accept on these conditions, & request that the collection be offered to the Grand Encampment of Mass & R I on the same terms. If the latter also decline — then let them be destroyed by fire.

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